

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A data communication terminal comprising:

data communication means for connecting to a communication network, in which accounting is made according to a transmitted/received data amount, to carry out data communication;

means for recognizing a start and an end of transmission/reception of a set of transmitted/received objective data;

means for measuring a transmitted/received data amount from the start to the end of transmission/reception of the set of objective data;

means for judging whether or not the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached a specified data amount;

means for, when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount, warning a user that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount; and

means for, when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data

amount, temporarily suspending transmission/reception of the set
of objective data, receiving an instruction to resume or
terminate transmission/reception of the set of objective data
25 from the user, and resuming or terminating transmission/reception
of the set of objective data in accordance with the instruction.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A data communication terminal
comprising:

data communication means for connecting to a communication
network, in which accounting is made according to a
5 transmitted/received data amount, to carry out data
communication;

means for recognizing a start and an end of
transmission/reception of a set of transmitted/received objective
data;

10 means for measuring a transmitted/received data amount from
the start to the end of transmission/reception of the set of
objective data;

means for judging whether or not the measured
transmitted/received data amount has reached a specified data
15 amount;

means for, when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount, warning a user that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount; and

20 means for setting an upper limit value corresponding to a maximum allowed data amount for continuous transmission/reception of any set of objective data;

wherein the judgment by the judging means is performed such that, when the set upper limit value is reached, it is
25 judged that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount.

6. (Currently Amended) A data communication terminal
~~according to claim 5, comprising:~~

data communication means for connecting to a communication network, in which accounting is made according to a
5 transmitted/received data amount, to carry out data communication;

means for recognizing a start and an end of transmission/reception of a set of transmitted/received objective data;

10 means for measuring a transmitted/received data amount from
the start to the end of transmission/reception of the set of
objective data;

 means for judging whether or not the measured
transmitted/received data amount has reached a specified data
15 amount;

 means for, when it is judged that the measured
transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data
amount, warning a user that the transmitted/received data amount
has reached the specified data amount; and

20 means for setting an upper limit value corresponding to a
maximum allowed data amount for continuous transmission/reception
of any set of objective data;

 wherein the judgment by the judging means is performed
such that, when the set upper limit value is reached, it is
25 judged that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the
specified data amount; and

 wherein when transmission/reception of data is not suspended
but continued after it is judged that the transmitted/received
data amount has reached the specified data amount, the upper
30 limit value is temporarily increased.

Claims 7 and 8 (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) A data communication method,
comprising:

connecting to a communication network, in which charging is
made according to a transmitted/received data amount, to start
5 data communication;

recognizing a start and an end of transmission/reception of
a set of transmitted/received objective data;

measuring a transmitted/received data amount from the start
to the end of transmission/reception of the set of objective
10 data;

judging whether or not the measured transmitted/received
data amount has reached a specified data amount;

when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received
data amount has reached the specified data amount, warning a user
15 that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the
specified data amount; and

when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received
data amount has reached the specified data amount, temporarily
suspending transmission/reception of the set of objective data,
20 receiving an instruction to resume or terminate transmission/
reception of the set of objective data from the user, and
resuming or terminating transmission/reception of the set of
objective data in accordance with the instruction.

10. (Previously Presented) A computer readable recording medium that stores a program that is executable by a computer to cause the computer to execute:

a process of connecting to a communication network, in
5 which charging is made according to a transmitted/received data amount, to carry out data communication;

a process of recognizing a start and an end of transmission/reception of a set of transmitted/received objective data;

10 a process of measuring a transmitted/received data amount from the start to the end of transmission/reception of the set of objective data;

a process of judging whether or not the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached a specified data
15 amount;

a process of, when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount, warning a user that the transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data mount; and

20 a process of, when it is judged that the measured transmitted/received data amount has reached the specified data amount, temporarily suspending transmission/reception of the set of objective data, receiving an instruction to resume or terminate transmission/reception of the set of objective data

25 from the user, and resuming or terminating transmission/reception
of the set of objective data in accordance with the instruction.

11. (Currently Amended) A data communication terminal
comprising:

means for carrying out data communication via a
communication network selected between a communication network
5 where accounting is made according to a data amount and a
communication network where accounting is made according to
connection time;

means for setting a limit amount of a communication charge;

means for calculating the communication charge required for
10 data communication in real time according to the selected
communication network;

means for judging whether or not the calculated
communication charge has reached the limit amount of
communication charge;

15 means for, when it is judged that the calculated
communication charge has reached the limit amount, warning a user
that ~~that~~ the calculated communication charge has reached the
limit amount; and

means for, when the calculated communication charge has
20 reached the limit amount, (i) temporarily suspending
transmission/reception of data when connected to the

communication network where accounting is made according to the data amount, and waiting for an instruction to resume or terminate connection from a user, and (ii) terminating
25 transmission/reception of the data to be transmitted/received without waiting for the instruction from the user when connected to the communication network where accounting is made according to the connection time.

Claim 12 (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) A data communication terminal according to claim 11, further comprising means for ending communication connection immediately when terminating
5 transmission/reception of the data to be transmitted/received without waiting for the instruction from a user, when connected to the communication network where accounting is made according to the connection time.